most appreciative of the grant from the One North Carolina Fund, the Governors' and local efforts to bring EcoVolt to the area, and we are most appreciative to the citizens of North Carolina for this welcomed opportunity to be a part of the fabric of their community."

The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue's JobsNOW initiative, the state works aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain its workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future. As North Carolina gains attention for leading the nation out of the recession, Gov. Perdue remains focused on her core priorities of creating jobs, strengthening education and setting government straight.

Through use of the One NC Fund, more than 50,000 jobs and \$9 billion in investment have been created since 2001. Other partners that helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community Colleges, the Yadkin County Economic Development Partnership, the Town of East Bend and Yadkin County.

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